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# Police Inspector Quits On Reinforcement Issue

## Fulton Makes Announcement

By DON PEACOCK  
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OTTAWA (CP)—Commissioner L. H. Nicholson of the RCMP has resigned in a disagreement with Justice Minister Fulton over reinforcements for the force in strike-disordered Newfoundland.



COMMISSIONER

Mr. Fulton, announcing the resignation to the Commons Monday, said the decision against immediate dispatch of 50 reinforcements requested by the province last week was based mainly on the need to uphold the RCMP's standing in the country as a whole.

He said, however, that the situation will remain under close observation and reinforcements "will be sent immediately should they become necessary in order to protect the safety of the members of the force" now in Newfoundland.

Commissioner Nicholson arrived at his decision to resign last Wednesday, after the federal cabinet decided not to fulfill the present request from Newfoundland, Premier Smallwood, Attorney-General Curtis and RCMP Superintendent A. W. Parsons for an additional 50 RCMP officers.

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one of a mathematical calculation as to whether the requested reinforcements were available. "I cannot overlook," he said, "in assessing the responsibilities of the force, the necessity to ensure that it is not cast in a role which in effect might disable it from discharging its responsibilities to the country as a whole by weakening its standing as a law enforcement body."

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## Contract Breach Suit Is Planned By Nfld.

ST. JOHN'S, Nfld. (CP)—The Newfoundland government has authorized Attorney-General Leslie Curtis to enter an action in the Exchequer Court of Canada against the federal government for a breach of contract, Premier Smallwood announced Monday in the Legislature.

He said the suit is based on alleged failure of the federal government to honor a clause in an agreement by which the RCMP act as a provincial police force in Newfoundland.

The clause in question deals with provision of reinforcements if required. The premier charged the federal government with a failure to supply added police, a

failure to honor a contract, a simple failure to send police."

Attorney-General Curtis last week asked Ottawa for additional RCMP to cope with disturbances connected with the loggers strike in central Newfoundland. The federal government rejected the request.

REFERS TO RESIGNATION  
The premier referred to Justice Minister Fulton's announcement that RCMP Commissioner L. H. Nicholson has tendered his resignation in a disagreement over the incident.

"All of Newfoundland," he said, "will honor Inspector Nicholson's resignation."

## Federal Gov't Keeps Hands Off

OTTAWA (CP)—The federal government Monday stood pat on its hands-off policy in regard to the tricky Newfoundland labor situation.

Prime Minister Diefenbaker in the Commons called for a "cooling off" period of two weeks by all concerned, saying this would reduce the danger of disorder and violence.

Meanwhile, the Canadian Press learned the cabinet will not disallow Newfoundland legislation decertifying the striking International Woodworkers of America (IWA).

He urged that all Canadian ports be set free of the board or, if the government believes the idea of a National Harbors Board is sound, all ports should be placed under its control.

Senator Connolly, who earlier this session proposed that Maritime senators try to block St. Lawrence Seaway legislation, made his suggestions during consideration of changes in Trans-Canada Highway legislation.

He embarked on what he called a deliberate departure from the business under consideration after supporting the proposal of Opposition Leader W. Ross MacDonald (N.-Ontario) that the federal government pay 90 per cent of the cost of completing the Trans-Canada Highway in the Atlantic provinces.



MINISTER HERE

Lt.-Col. the Hon. Douglas Scott Harkness, B.M., E.D., M.A., will address the 60th annual meeting of the P.E.I. Dairymen's Association at the Charlottetown Hotel Wednesday evening.

The Minister operates a farm at De'Winton, Alberta. He is married to the former Francis Elizabeth MacMillan, daughter of James Blair MacMillan of Brackley Point, P.E.I. and has one son, now attending the University of Alberta.

## CLC Regrets Gov't Delay

OTTAWA (CP)—The Canadian Labor Congress Monday night expressed regret that Prime Minister Diefenbaker did not announce immediate disallowance of Newfoundland anti-union legislation.

Claude Jodoin, president of the 1,150,000-member organization, said in a statement, however, the CLC welcomes the prime minister's analysis in the Commons Monday of the Newfoundland loggers' dispute.

The CLC turned down Mr. Mr. Diefenbaker's suggestion of a two-week cooling off period in the dispute, but commended the government's decision not to send additional RCMP to the island.

Britain's PM Goes To Ottawa On Wednesday

LONDON (CP)—Prime Minister Macmillan flies to Ottawa Wednesday to sound out Canadian feelings about the East-West dispute over Germany and Berlin before proceeding to Washington for talks with President Eisenhower.

The main purpose of the visit is to give Prime Minister Diefenbaker and members of his cabinet a first-hand account of his recent talks with Premier Khrushchev in Moscow and his subsequent visits to Paris and Bonn.

Views Important  
But the British leader also is understood to be anxious to gain full backing from Canada for his plan for a "thinning out" of Russian and Western forces in central Europe and the British view that every effort should be made to reach agreement for holding a summit conference in late May or early June.

Atlantic 'Free Trade' Area, Senator's Plan  
OTTAWA (CP)—An Atlantic free trade area was suggested Monday night in the Senate by Senator Harold Connolly (L.-Nova Scotia).

He said that if the federal government is willing to give the Atlantic provinces autonomy and a chance to improve their lot, the four provinces should be released from the "tyranny of Canadian fiscal policy" by the setting up of a free trade area there.

Such an idea was no more practical, he said, than arranging the tariffs so that two provinces benefit and the other eight suffer. He went into no further detail.

Senator Connolly also proposed the federal government set up a \$100,000,000 industrial development fund to be administered in the Maritimes for the development of mercantile and manufacturing industries. In that way, the Maritimes might be able to approach the living standards of the rest of Canada.

## Minister Defends Herd Policy At Falconwood

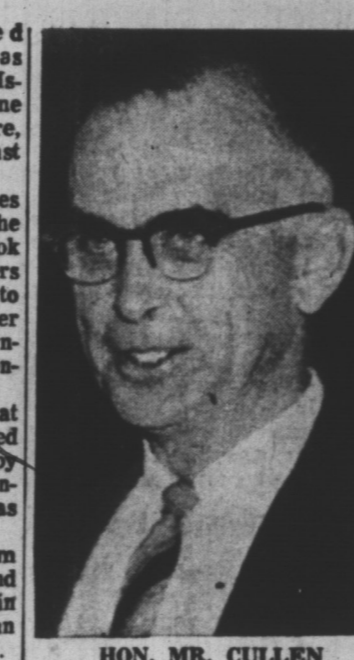
Adding better, improved strains to their cattle herds was the best investment open to Island farmers today, Hon. Eugene Cullen, minister of agriculture, asserted in the Legislature last night.

Speaking only a few minutes prior to the adjournment of the evening session, the Minister took sharp issue with Frank Myers (PC—1st. Queens) relative to certain remarks the member from Crapaud had made concerning the operation of the Falconwood Farm.

Hon. Mr. Cullen admitted that some milk had been purchased for the institutions serviced by this farm, but pointed to the increased number of patients as the chief reason for this.

"As a matter of fact the farm has produced more milk and sold more to the institutions in each of the past two years than in any year previous," he said.

Far from showing a deficit as the Crapaud Conservative had intimated, the herd expansion policy he had put in effect had resulted in the addition of 22 registered head. At a minimum of \$350 each, these would easily offset any deficit Mr. Myers might have in mind, he added.



HON. MR. CULLEN

The Minister observed that within recent months several

## Party Leader Describes Act As 'Too Restrictive'

Keen disappointment was expressed by the leader of the Progressive Conservative party, W. R. Shaw over the week-end over the Farm Settlement Act presented during the week to the Legislature.

"This is legislation of an extremely important nature," Mr. Shaw stated, "and it should provide for broad and beneficial influences in the solution of farm problems. I have advocated this action for years, and I had hoped that when such legislation was initiated, it would be widely embracing and would render assistance in not only holding our present farm population to the soil, but also new farmers all of whom would bring into production and ownership the bulk of our vacant farm acreage."

"Unfortunately this Act is so restrictive that it can in its present form serve only a narrow range of limits. I particularly object to its application to age limits of 21 to 35 years. There are scores of farmers over the 35-year limit, with young

growing families, who are desirous of buying adjacent or near-by properties on which to settle their sons as they grow to maturity.

"Such arrangements between father and sons are eminently desirable, and bring larger acreages under one set of machinery, and under a family co-operative plan. Under the age limits as at present indicated, such arrangements are not possible.

"In New Brunswick the ages are 21 to 50, in Nova Scotia 21 to 55, and the plans there have worked out with great success. If we wish to bring a reasonable number of our present 2,000 to 3,000 vacant farms into production, before they revert to forest growths, and bolster the overall economy of this province, the Farm Act must be widened to serve a more useful and general purpose.

"I do not agree, Mr. Shaw stated, that the present Act is broader than the Legislation in (Continued on page 5 col. 1)

## Hail Of Bullets Fells Six Students, One Boy Killed

EDMONTON (CP)—A hail of bullets flew over students as they left Ross Sheppard High School here Monday killing one and wounding five.

Howard Gates, 16, died when struck at least three times by .22-calibre bullets from an automatic rifle.

Stan Williamson, 19, was charged with murder. Police said he will appear in court today for arraignment.

Witnesses said a former student rushed into the school corridor, dropped to the floor and began firing as classes were let out for the day. Most of the shots

hit the screaming students in the legs, as he apparently fired low. Students and teachers rushed at the 19-year-old youth and overpowered him.

Reporters were told at the 1,400-student school that Gates had quarrelled with another youth earlier in the day.

Daine Kane, 16, struck in the eye, was the most severely injured of the five girls. Hospital officials said her condition was not critical. Also struck but in good condition were Judy Poulton, 18; Lynne Tomlinson, 16; and Kay Powers and Eleanor Mrochuk, both 17.

## Nfld. Liberals Back Smallwood

OTTAWA (CP)—Liberal MPs from Newfoundland Monday night expressed support for Premier Smallwood and the provincial legislature in the labor dispute that resulted in decertification of the International Woodworkers of America (IWA).

The five Liberals issued a joint statement to this effect only a few hours after a declaration by their party leader, Lester B. Pearson, that on the basis of information available to him "I would be unable as leader of this party to agree with certain procedures that have been followed or with certain specific provisions of the new law (decertifying the IWA)."

Later, in an interview, J. W. Pickersgill, one of the five MPs and a former cabinet colleague of Mr. Pearson, said there is a difference of opinion between the five and their leader on this question. However, the Liberal Party of Canada was not taking a position in the matter, he added.

HEADS U.S. CHAMBER  
WASHINGTON (AP)—Erwin D. Canham, editor of the Christian Science Monitor, has been elected president of the United States Chamber of Commerce.



PHONE LINE CUT, ROADS BLOCKED

An Anglo-Newfoundland Development Company woods superintendent and helper repair phone lines between a camp and division headquarters. The company says striking members of the International Woodworkers of America (IWC) or sympathizers cut down the poles and felled trees across the lines. The company said also that road blocks of fallen trees have had to be cleared away repeatedly. (CP Photo)

## FARM BILL PASSED

# PC's Lose Bid To Raise Age Of Farm Borrowers

A Progressive Conservative motion to raise the maximum age limit for assistance to young farmers from 35 to 50 years was defeated in the Legislature yesterday on a straight party vote of 15-4.

Frank Myers (PC 1st. Queens)

## Supplementary Estimates Are Tabled

OTTAWA (CP)—The government today asked Parliament to approve \$282,799,710 in further supplementary estimates for the current fiscal year ending March 31, bringing total estimated budgetary outlays to an all-time high of \$5,906,370,000.

Total spending—not including old age pension outlays—top the 1943-44 wartime record of \$5,322,300,000. Including old age pensions, total estimated government outlays for the year will rise to a peak of \$6,161,370,000.

The supplementary estimates, likely to be the government's final request for spending appropriations this fiscal year, were tabled in the Commons by Finance Minister Fleming.

More than half of the amount was accounted for by an item of \$184,000,000 to cover an estimated deficit in the fund which administers old age pensions.

In Berlin, he said, the Russians have confronted the West with three fundamental choices:

1. This is the one, Eisenhower said, the Soviet rulers would prefer the United States to make—by frightening the U.S. into abandoning its rights and responsibilities to help establish a "just and peaceful solution to the German problem."

## Strong Stand On Berlin Advocated By Eisenhower

WASHINGTON (AP)—President Eisenhower announced Monday night a conditional willingness to attend a summit conference with Russia.

The president reported on the Berlin crisis over countrywide radio and television hookups. He took the expected stand that the United States is not abandoning any rights or deserting a free people, but still is ready to negotiate differences.

"We have no intention of forgetting our rights or of deserting a free people. Soviet rulers should remember that free men have, before this, died for so-called scraps of paper which represented duty and honor and freedom."

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Eisenhower rejected the first choice as unacceptable.

2. This choice, the president said, is the possibility of war. He said the American people and Western world do not want war. Global conflict could mean de-

struction of civilization and Soviet rulers "are well aware of this."

Whatever risk of general war lies in the Berlin situation it is deliberately created by the Soviet rulers.

Calling again for firmness, Eisenhower said: "War would become more likely if we gave way and encouraged a rule of terrorism rather than a rule of law and order. Indeed this is the peace policy which we are striving to carry out throughout the world."